

# THE SHELTON STATEMENT

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*Rick Rogers, Assistant to the President, and Campaign Chair Steve Shelton go over plans for the new campus with Roland Pugh.*

## Local Contractor Makes Major Gift to College

When Roland Pugh was a student in Shelton State's welding department back in the 1960's, he never dreamed he would one day be one of the college's major financial donors. Pugh, who is today president of Roland Pugh Construction Company and one of Tuscaloosa's leading citizens, recently pledged \$100,000 to the college's Capital Campaign. This money will be used to improve Shelton's technical programs.

"Shelton State was very instrumental in helping me gain whatever success I've had because I was one of those not prepared for college and it certainly helped me fulfill my needs in the working community," Pugh said.

Pugh went on to say that not everyone is cut out to be a four-year college graduate and that technical and vocational training is very important in some people's lives during their formative years of learning. "I wish our schools would start testing people in the lower grades and start them in the direction of technical training," Pugh said.

"Roland Pugh is very special to Shelton State Community College. He and his family have been friends of Shelton State for years. He is certainly a credit to this community and to this institution. His accomplishments through the years mirror what technical education is all about," said Shelton President Tom Umphrey. "His gift to the Capital Campaign is significant in so many ways."

"Roland is an alumnus of Shelton State, and it is very special for one of our own to express support for the college. This gift will affect the college and our community for many years. These funds will be used to assist thousands of West Alabama families as they strive to achieve their educational goals," Umphrey said.

Roland Pugh Construction Company employs more than 200 employees and is today one of West Alabama's major construction companies. Pugh opened his company back in 1963 on a part-time basis; by 1965, Roland Pugh Construction Company had become a full-time business.

## Alabama Industries Donate Equipment to Shelton

When Phase I is completed in the spring, several programs on the new campus will have new pieces of equipment thanks to industries operating in Alabama. Two firms have made significant contributions to Shelton State this year through the donation of needed equipment. The L. S. Starrett Company of Athol, Massachusetts, announced this past spring they will donate a coordinate measuring machine to Shelton State's Computerized Numerical Control (CNC) department. The announcement was made by Jim Litchfield, sales representative for the L. S. Starrett Company. The new piece of equipment is valued at \$60,000. Starrett has also committed to upgrading the piece of equipment every few years to keep the CNC program state-of-the-art.

According to CNC instructor Jack Moore, the new piece of equipment will be delivered directly to the new CNC department that will be located on Shelton's new campus. This piece of equipment is very heavy," Moore says, "so we're going

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## Financial Institutions Support Capital Campaign

Bankers know to look at the bottom line in judging the success of a project. That's why Shelton's new campus building project continues to receive support from Tuscaloosa's financial institutions.

Three Tuscaloosa financial institutions have pledged their support to Shelton State as part of the college's Capital Campaign effort. The college recently received pledges totaling \$28,000 from First State Bank, Compass Bank, and SouthTrust Bank.

"These gifts are special to the college in many ways," said Shelton president Tom Umphrey. "Perhaps what makes them so significant, however, are the individuals involved. Tommy Hester (First State), Jon Carter (Compass Bank), and Jon Farmer (SouthTrust) are all very involved in the college's day-to-day activities which provide the people of this area with educational opportunities. Their time, effort

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*Local bankers Jon Carter and Tommy Hester join Tom Umphrey and Steve Shelton in support of Shelton's Capital Campaign.*



# More Pledges for Shelton's New Campus

Three local organizations have made pledges totaling \$47,500 to Shelton State's Capital Campaign. The total pledges include cash, equipment, and in-kind services.

Randall Publishing Company's gift includes a pledge to the college's equipment fund along with plaques and other specialty items. Also, as part of their pledge, Randall Publishing Company sponsored a six-week luncheon seminar series this year entitled "Business at Lunch." The seminar was offered at Indian Hills Country Club in Tuscaloosa for six consecutive Mondays.

The Business at Lunch seminar included lunch along with talks by executives from Randall Publishing. The purpose of the seminar was to help small business owners or those who are thinking about entering the business world meet the challenges and opportunities that come from owning their own business.

"We appreciate the gift from Randall Publishing Company very much. Their generosity will not only help us purchase instructional equipment, but their donation of specialty items will allow the college to accomplish several unique goals," said Tom Umphrey, Shelton President.

"We, at Randall Publishing Company, are proud to support Shelton State Community College. Shelton State is an important asset to our community. We have hired many Shelton graduates and have found them to be hard working, dedicated, quality individuals. We are proud to have them as part of our company and proud to support Shelton State as a vital part of the community," said Mike Reilly, president and chief operating officer of Randall Publishing Company.

Southern Heat Exchanger President John Brilbeck pledged money toward the college's equipment fund that will be used for technical training on the new campus. "We are happy to be able to support the technology area of the new Shelton State campus," said Brilbeck.

"Proficiency in the mechanical trades is of paramount importance to keeping the U.S. competitive in a worldwide environment, as well as providing high paying jobs to graduates of technical programs. Skills in computers, drafting, machining, and welding will assure graduates of lifetime employment in jobs paying wages significantly higher than most professions," Brilbeck continued.

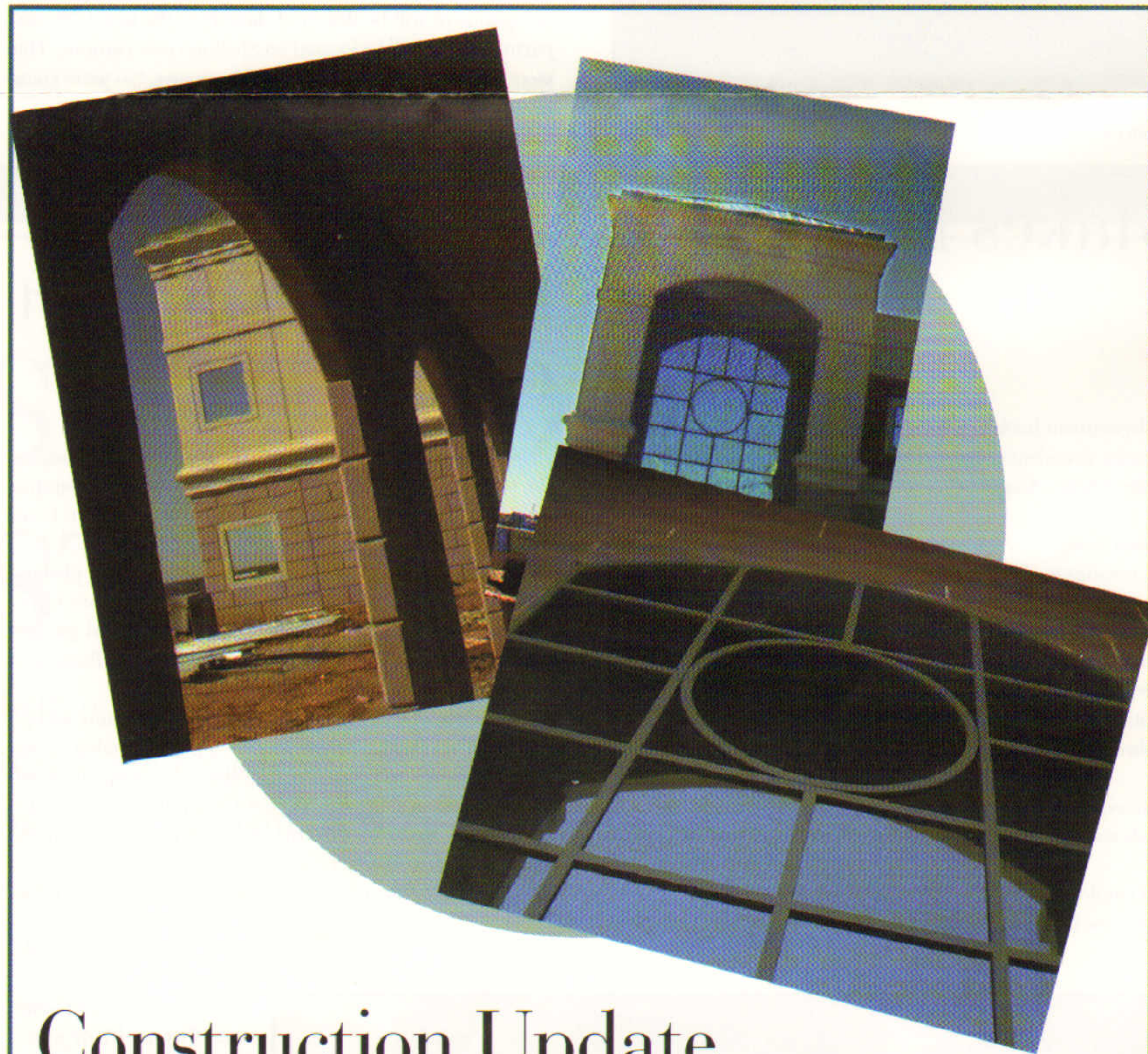
"I hope our contribution will help assure a steady supply of high quality technical graduates to the Tuscaloosa labor pool," Brilbeck said.

"John Brilbeck and Southern Heat Exchanger are long time friends of our institution. They support the college financially and with their time. Southern Heat Exchanger has employed many of our graduates over the years," said Umphrey.

The Tuscaloosa New Automobile Dealers Association also made a pledge to the Capital Campaign and their gift will also be used for equipment and instructional materials.

According to Umphrey, Shelton is extremely pleased that the Tuscaloosa New Automobile Association has chosen to so generously support the college. "Tommy Townsend, Verta Barr, and the entire association are outstanding leaders in our community. Their expression of support means a great deal," Umphrey said.

"The Tuscaloosa New Automobile Dealers Association believes it is important to invest in the future of our community. Our support of Shelton State is our way of showing support to this community," said Tommy Townsend president of the Tuscaloosa New Automobile Dealers Association.



## Construction Update

The construction of Shelton's new campus continues to progress on schedule. The exterior skin, windows, and roof are now complete; entrance ways and external doors were installed in December. Over 75% of the wall-studding has been installed and over 50% of the sheetrock has been completed. Everything is on schedule, and the programs on the 15th Street Campus are scheduled to begin moving by the latter part of April, 1996.

Planning for Phase II is also going well. Bids for this second phase should go out in early March 1996, and construction for this second phase will be completed in the late spring of 1997.

Construction for the new roadway connecting the new Highway 69 into the campus began in December with a completion date scheduled for May 1996. This roadway will have traffic signals and turn lanes to assist in traffic control.

## Alabama Industries

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to wait and install it on the new campus. It should be ready to go by Summer Semester."

Also, JVC recently donated \$65,000 in equipment to the Training for Business and Industry Division. "JVC's gift is an automated disc handling system," said Britt Turner, director of Shelton's Center for Advanced Productivity.

"This is a robotics-based system that moves material through a process. It's designed to pick up a CD and take the plastic round, put metal on it, and eventually load it to a rack. All of this is done through a rapidly moving arm. Really, it's a small computer-integrated manufacturing system piece of equipment. It is run by an industrial computer and will be used on the new campus," Turner said.

"JVC's gift is unique because it will be used to help train and retrain employees of local businesses who enroll in our training for business and industry program. JVC's generosity will benefit all businesses and industries in West Alabama," said Shelton President Tom Umphrey.

## South Central Bell, Volkert & Associates Make Pledges

South Central Bell recently pledged \$30,000 to the college's Capital Campaign. The money will be used to purchase instructional equipment.

"We are delighted to play a part in helping Shelton State establish its new campus. With the economic growth taking place in West Alabama, Shelton State's programs and activities become even more critical to the quality of life in our community. The new campus will give a real boost to those efforts," said Dick Johnson, manager of corporate and external affairs for South Central Bell.

"BellSouth is a strong supporter of educational improvement and innovation, especially in the nine southeastern states that we serve. Based on its past history and its plans for the future, Shelton State is certainly worthy of our support," Johnson said.

"This continued support shown by South Central Bell means a great deal to the college and will have a tremendous impact on our efforts to train West Alabama's work force. Dick Johnson has always exhibited highly visible leadership and loyal support to education in our community," said Tom Umphrey, Shelton President.

David Volkert and Associates from Mobile pledged \$35,000 to the college and these funds will be used to purchase instructional equipment along with classroom materials. "We are proud to be the architectural firm for the project," said Perry Hand, senior vice president of Volkert. "We believe Shelton State's new campus will be of benefit to the people of this state. We were happy to be part of this fund raising effort because this money will be used to help purchase much needed equipment."

"This gift by Volkert and Associates is especially significant because it will allow the college to purchase some important classroom materials and supplies," said Umphrey. "This is another example of Volkert's commitment to education in our state!"

*Shelton President Tom Umphrey updates Dick Johnson and Steve Shelton on new campus construction.*





# Around Campus

## Truck Driving Program Receives Award for Outstanding Service

Shelton State's truck driving program was recently chosen to receive the West Alabama Food Bank's Outstanding Service Award for 1995. The award was made by the West Alabama Food Bank Board of Directors.

According to Craig Young, executive director of the West Alabama Food Bank, "Mike Warren and his instructors, Paul Barksdale and Mike Tusic, have been instrumental in responding to the needs of the hungry citizens of West Alabama through pickup and delivery of vital foodstuffs."

"We are pleased to recognize and acknowledge their efforts and also Dr. Umphrey's for his willingness to help facilitate Shelton State's support for the Food Bank and for hunger relief in our community," Young said.

## Umphrey Recognized for Efforts

Shelton President Tom Umphrey received the 1995 Pacesetter Award for District II National Council for Marketing and Public Relations this fall. NCMPR is a professional organization for individuals involved in marketing, communications and public relations at community, junior and technical colleges across the United States. District II is the largest district and encompasses 11 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The award is presented



Dr. Tom Umphrey

annually to the two-year college president who has shown the most effective support of college marketing.

As the recipient of the District II Pacesetter Award, Umphrey will compete with six other community college presidents from across the United States. The national NCMPR Pacesetter Award will be announced during the organization's national conference in St. Louis next March.

## Turner Named Outstanding Reading Instructor in the State

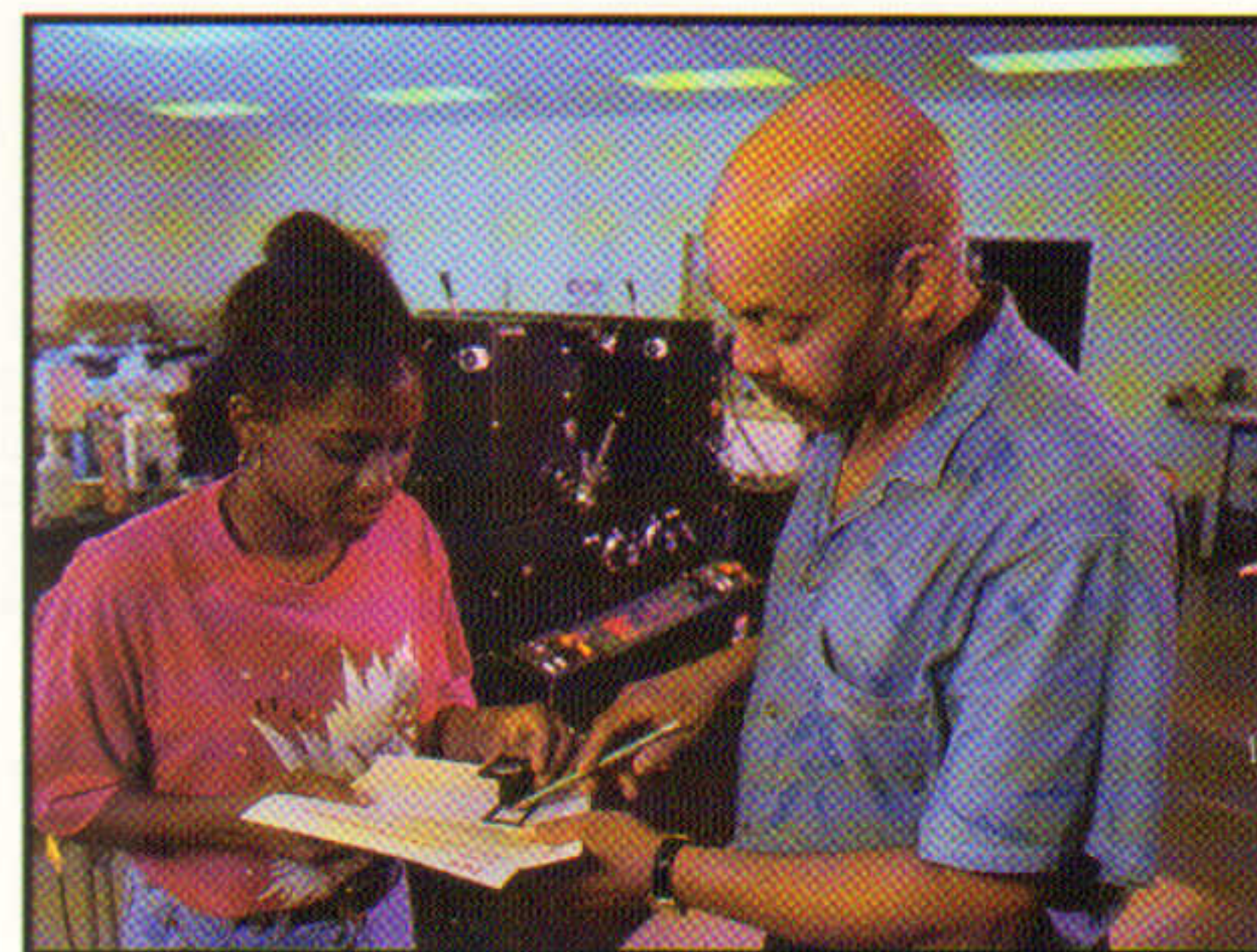
Fran Turner, Shelton State reading instructor, was recently named the Outstanding College Reading Teacher for the state for 1995. This award recognizes professional competency, dedication to excellence in teaching, and a willingness to inspire students and fellow professionals to greater achievement. Turner was honored by the Post-secondary Reading Council during the 27th annual fall conference held recently in Birmingham.

Turner teaches both college reading and developmental reading classes. In addition, she helps administer Shelton's summer reading enrichment program for youth.

## Shelton Selects Outstanding Personnel

College personnel recently elected the most outstanding administrator, faculty and support staff person for the college for 1995. Arthur Howington, dean of academic services, was named the Outstanding Administrator for the college. Muriel Campbell was named the Outstanding Support Staff person. Marilyn Terry was chosen the Outstanding Junior College Faculty member and John Speights was selected the Most Outstanding Technical Faculty member.

All four winners competed with personnel from other Alabama community colleges during the recent Chancellor's Awards ceremony held in Birmingham as part of the annual Alabama College Association convention.



John Freed, graphics and printing communication, shows a student how the equipment is used.

## Shelton Purchases New Equipment for Programs

Several departments at the college are sporting new equipment this fall, most of which was purchased through federal grants such as the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), basic grant from Carl Perkins, and Shelton's Title III grant. This new equipment will be used in the college's numerical control, commercial art, graphic arts and printing, industrial electricity, electronics, office administration, computer science, and the Center for Advanced Productivity.

An AB Dick 9985 two-color offset press was purchased for the graphics and printing communication department through Title III funds. This \$47,000 piece of equipment is a true two-color offset that prints two colors in a single pass through the press.

New computers have also been installed for the commercial art department. This new equipment will help make Shelton's commercial art department one of the most high tech design areas in West Alabama.

According to Jack Moore, CNC instructor, the college will use part of the ARC funds allocation to buy statistical process control equipment. Moore also plans to purchase a die sinking electrical discharge machine with CNC controls.

Using ARC funds, Shelton purchased a programmable logic controller for the college's electronics and industrial electricity departments and the Center for Advanced Productivity. Shelton's program for business and industry. Transcribers, computer projection panels, and text scanners were also purchased. Two students could train simultaneously on each of the six programmable logic controllers that will be used by CAP. The PLC's offer automation of robotics and are used in the industry to control processes.

Funds have been used to purchase new computers for the office administration and the computer science programs. Students in Shelton's computer programs will now be training on state-of-the-art equipment.



Bo Fields, chair of this year's Barbeque Bash, celebrates the success of the fund raiser.

## The Best Bash Ever!

Shelton State's Barbecue Bash has been declared the "Best Bash Ever" by members of the Shelton State Foundation Board of Directors. Working together the 30-member board fed over 300 people, played bingo for money and prizes and held a very successful silent auction. Profits for this year's event netted over \$7,300. This money will help fund Shelton's endowed scholarship funds.

Over 300 people attended this year's event held in the Northport Civic Center. Gifts and prizes along with cash from local businesses in the community, foundation board members, and college administrators were given to lucky winners this year.

Verta Barr Meherg is currently president of the Foundation Board of Directors and Bo Fields chaired the Barbecue Bash this year.

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# Financial Institutions

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and financial commitment truly make a difference in many people's lives," Umphrey said.

Jon Carter, president and CEO of Compass Bank and a member of the Shelton State Foundation Board of Directors, believes Shelton State's new campus can be of real benefit to the community.

"We are happy to be a part of the college's Capital Campaign. Shelton's new campus will be state-of-the-art and a real asset to Tuscaloosa. Compass Bank has supported Shelton State through the years and we are happy to continue our association," said Carter.

Tommy Hester, who is also a member of Shelton's Foundation board, has been associated with the college for many years. Hester is president of First State Bank and was instrumental in the bank making a substantial donation to the college.

"First State Bank of Tuscaloosa considers Shelton a partner in progress for the betterment of Tuscaloosa County," said Hester. "Our contribution will be used to enhance the college's ability to serve all the students of West Alabama."

Jon Farmer, who is now president of SouthTrust Bank in Tuscaloosa, believes that Shelton's new campus will be a real source of pride within the community as well as an asset in recruiting industry to this area. "We are happy at SouthTrust to play a part in this campaign. We believe education is important in Alabama," Farmer said.



Walmart manager Houston Campbell presents a \$2,000 check to Shelton nursing students.

## Walmart Makes Donation

Tuscaloosa's Walmart stores recently donated \$2,000 toward the Oklahoma Disaster Relief Fund. The money was used to match funds that had been raised by the Shelton State Association of Nursing Students. The total gift to the victims was \$6,000. Presenting the check is Houston Campbell, Walmart Manager. Representing SSANS are Greg Dunn, Linda Comer, and Jennifer Gills.

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